



## Jared Anthony Smith Diaz

February 11, 1970 - April 5, 2025

JARED ANTHONY SMITH DIAZ

FEBRUARY 11, 1970 – APRIL 5, 2025

Jared Anthony Smith Diaz, age 55, passed away on April 5, 2025. He was born February 11, 1970, to Joseph Clarence Smith (1900–1980) and Aldina Diaz (1928–1980).

Jared was raised within a large and unique family. His father, Joseph, was first married to Amelia Gladys Caudle (1907–1987), and together they had seven children: Gloria, Melvin, Nadine, Gordon, Elaine, Anne, and Marcia. These seven are Jared's half-siblings and represent a legacy rooted in faith and hard work.

Joseph later married Aldina Diaz, and they had Jared. Due to Joseph's declining health and Aldina's return to Guatemala, Jared experienced a few transitions in his early years. Before Joseph's passing, guardianship was formally given to Melvin (Joseph's oldest son) and his wife, Dixie Smith, who raised Jared in their home alongside their six children: Janay, Denise, Kenneth, Eleah, Chalene, and Lyra.

He spent most of his adult life in the Austin, Texas area, including Round Rock and Taylor. Jared worked as a self-employed plumber and electrician, known

for his strong work ethic, firm opinions, and generous spirit. He cared deeply about people and gave freely of his time and skills to help others.

Jared proudly embraced his Guatemalan heritage, traveling to Guatemala and connecting with siblings from his mother's side. This journey of self-discovery led him to add "Diaz" to his name.

Jared is survived by his children, Aldina and Bryce, and by two of his half-sisters, Elaine and Marcia. He is remembered with love by many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. His influence will be remembered, and we trust he has been welcomed by the loved ones who passed before him.

#### Support Jared's Farewell

To help the family with funeral expenses for services in both Texas and Utah, donations may be made at:

[www.gofundme.com/f/contribute-to-jareds-farewell](http://www.gofundme.com/f/contribute-to-jareds-farewell)

Your support means so much. Thank you.

#### Share Memories of Jared

Family and friends are invited to share stories, photos, and memories of Jared on his Family Tree page:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/memories/PS3X-PHZ>

Your contributions are a cherished part of his legacy.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

The Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
2800 North Drive  
Taylor, TX 76574

*Jared will be laid to rest close to his father, Joseph Clarence Smith, at the Tooele City Cemetery.*

## Funeral Service

APR 21. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

The Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
2800 North Drive  
Taylor, TX 76574

## Viewing

APR 23. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
253 South 200 East  
Tooele, UT 84074